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1. The amendment filed on 03/14/2005 is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). The restriction was based on a combination-subcombination, as pointed out in the previous action, while applicant amends the preamble of claim 28 the claimed device is still directed only to the subcombination of the marker and therefore the restriction is still proper. Similarly with the marker block of claim 30. In applicant's election, applicant elects Group I directed to the marker system, however Group I was directed to the marker and marker block, not the marker system, which is Group II. Therefore making it unclear whether applicant's intent was to elect Group I to the marker and marker block or Group II to the marker system.


Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John P. Lacyk whose telephone number is 571-272-4728. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri, 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Max Hindenburg can be reached on 571-272-4726. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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